

April 14, 2013

Dear Energy Committee,

A Michigan citizen and taxpayer, I strongly oppose any extension of the PTC for the following reasons:

1. **Our “North Star,” number one goal is “Jobs”.**

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS 2013: "JOBS," "JOBS," "MIDDLE CLASS"

"A GROWING ECONOMY THAT CREATES GOOD, MIDDLE-CLASS JOBS--
THAT MUST BE THE NORTH STAR THAT GUIDES OUR EFFORTS." BUT HOW?

2. **The PTC has not proven to provide significant jobs despite huge subsidies.**

- U.S. House Committee on Science and Technology, Energy and Environment Subcommittee; Testimony of Robert J. Michaels, PhD.; June 16, 2010; Section IV.B.
<http://gop.science.house.gov/Media/hearings/energy10/jun16/Michaels.pdf>

“America's economic performance over the past two years gives little encouragement to those who believe that government spending can generate substantial and sustained increases in employment.”

- A study in the U.S. states even though a record of 10,000MW of new generating capacity came on line in 2009, few jobs were created overall and wind power manufacturing employment fell.

Los Angeles Times, “Wind Energy Job Growth Isn’t Blowing Anyone Away”, February 2, 2010
<http://www.wind-watch.org/news/2010/02/02/wind-energy-job-growth-isnt-blowing-anyone-away/>

3. **Instead of creating jobs here, the PTC will promote jobs in Europe.**

- Germany, rather than MA manufacturer would get the jobs.

<http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/21575862/2013/03/11/mass-co-says-no-deal-with-cape-wind>

4. **National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) represents US manufacturers that do provide jobs, the “tenth largest economy in the world.” They are the “middle class” jobs providers and deserve support.**

- <http://www.nam.org/~media/39CF92351DD24DED8EC0663CBA8021AF.ashx>

They say:

“Nearly two-thirds of manufacturers pay income taxes at individual rates. Therefore, any tax increase on individuals is a tax increase on manufacturers.”

“Because of our tax, tort, **energy** and regulatory policies, it is 20 percent more expensive to do business in the United States than it is in the countries that are our nine largest trading partners—and that excludes the cost of labor.”

“Manufacturing accounts for one-third of the energy consumed in the United States. A dynamic and growing economy requires **dependable** and **affordable** energy supplies.”

5. **The PTC unfairly promotes one energy source that cannot provide dependable, affordable, efficient energy. Consequently, the net effect is jobs lost.**

Therefore, extension of the PTC conflicts with the stated goals of creating energy policy that supports and guides job creation.

Geographic constraints in most states prohibit siting of industrial wind turbines in populated areas, unlike Texas. Flying over Texas, miles of barren land with nothing except wind turbines and the maze of roads between them is all that is visible. The PTC is the force behind wind developers pushing industrial wind into states that don’t have the space, nor the wind resources. It hurts citizens, who are left to defend their greatest asset- their home. I know. It happened to me. Please stop the PTC.

Sincerely,

Jane Eggebeen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

